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BUSINESS HOURS AT THE EXECUTIVE MANHOLE.

Until the 1st of March, the President will decide the question, from 8 to 12 o'clock, to Senators and Members.

The general reception of visitors in the afternoon, from 1 to 2, will be discontinued, and only those who have important business will be allowed to remain.

SPAIN.

At the present moment Spain presents a picture of great interest. A straddling nation, she has always been on one side of the Atlantic and on the other.

For the first time we see her in the character of a straddling republic, attacked in each limb by a disorder which no medicine seems able to drive away.

Cuba, her sole remaining foothold in America, is racked by the spasms of struggling republican independence, while a monarchial gangrene is eating the very life out of Spanish power in the Old World. Cespedes in America and Don Carlos in Old Spain have声ed enough to justify the most serious apprehension.

As we said on Saturday, we do not believe, first, that Roosevelt has this case that is so glowingly described in the N. Y. papers; second, that if he has it, it was bought by himself; and third, that it is not a gold-headed case at all.

BROOKS, COLFAX AND AMES.

Mr. Brooks has issued an address to his constituents, defending his action in the credit mobilier business; Mr. Colfax has made a speech at his home in South Bend, Indiana, in which he informs us that Mr. Ames will be publicly rewarded by his fellow-citizens of North Easton, Massachusetts, on Thursday evening next.

"Well," Wall, these three gentlemen have evidently made up their minds to, if we may say, to allow to me a phrase which is more expressive than elegant, "brass it out." It was Thomas Carlyle, we think, who said that some years ago that either we or our English cousins were many millions, "mostly fools."

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And first of all to Mr. Brooks. The appeal of this gentleman to his New York constituents is the most magnificent piece of impudence we ever read or saw. There is nothing like it in history, or in the history of any country, so far as we are aware, as old as Martius and Romulus.

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